

THE GAZETTE-TIMES SPORTS



Highland fling

Ione coaches Gordon Meyers (L) and Del LaRue steady the ropes as the Cardinals run through some high steppin' exercises.

Short Cards long on condition

One problem Ione Coach Gordon Meyers doesn't have to worry about is filling the gaps left by graduating seniors. He didn't have any.

The same situation will exist after this year as the Cardinals count only one senior on their 24-man roster. Still, many of the underclassmen are returning for the 1977 season a year stronger and a year wiser and Meyers is looking for an improvement over last year's 2-7 mark.

"We're such a young team," Meyers said. "But last year we started two freshmen and

one sophomore in the backfield and they're all back again."

The Cards are now going through two-a-day workouts that place a heavy emphasis on conditioning. Meyers said that while his team may be lacking a bit in size and experience, they certainly

won't be lacking in stamina. Well conditioned teams have been a trademark of the Cardinals throughout Meyers' 13-year tenure and this year looks to be no exception.

"There aren't any real burners on this team but many of them have come back with a little more quickness

and a little more strength," Meyers said.

To best utilize the smaller players on the team, Meyers said the Card offense will be more wide open than in the past. He plans a shift from the power-I formation of previous years.

"We're goint to throw the

ball a little more," Meyers said. "Last year we ran the ball about 70 per cent of the time and this year we'd like to get it closer to 50-50."

The Cards held their first scrimmage of the year on Wednesday in preparation for their road opener at Spray on September 9.

Surprises in store for Mustang fans

Entering the second campaign under Coach John Sporseen, the Heppner Mustangs are shaping up as a team capable of delivering a little of everything.

"Ours is basically a running game," Sporseen said Tuesday. "But we've got good speed in the backfield and some players that can break some big plays. This could be an explosive team."

Heppner has 16 lettermen returning from last year's 7-2 squad and despite losing 13 players to graduation, Sporseen said the team is not really lacking in any specific area. The coaching staff is now looking over the 50-man squad to determine a starting lineup for the September 9 home opener against Pilot Rock.

"We've got some good competition at several positions, especially among the linemen," Sporseen said. "Our passing game is still a little erratic but it should be developing soon."

The Heppner coaching philosophy leans toward adapting the offensive and defensive to the style of player available. Because of this, Sporseen said the team will probably rely mainly on some type of split formation, utilizing two half-backs and no fullback. On defense Sporseen said his team would compare favorably in the size department with any team in the league.

One factor that could provide an advantage for the Mustangs is the schedule, which states five of the team's first seven games on the home field. Sporseen said the Pilot Rock opener should be a good



indication of things to come since Heppner pulled out a tough victory against the Rockets early last season.

"We've got to run the ball at them and establish a running game," Sporseen said. "It should be a good one."

Heppner will hold its first game-type scrimmage tonight at the school beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Heppner coach John Sporseen

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Pirates launch

The Riverside Pirates got off to a late start this year but Coach Mike Weatherall's charges are making up for lost time with some spirited workouts.

A steady rainstorm Monday evening couldn't put a damper on the Pirate enthusiasm as Weatherall put his 30-plus member squad through their paces. Conditioning and fundamentals dominated the early practices as the Pirates weren't able to go to two-a-days until Tuesday of this week.

"I know it's a late start but a lot of the players had to work up until last week," Weatherall said. "We could use the extra time because there are quite a few out here that don't have much experience."

Weatherall said there are only about five or six seniors out so far but he expects more out soon. Fifteen lettermen are back from last year's team which posted a 1-7 mark in Columbia Basin Conference play.

The team has scheduled a September 2 scrimmage to prepare for the home opener on September 8 against Columbia High School from Burbank, Wash. Riverside has the luxury of starting the season with three consecutive home games before they have to hit the road.

The third game is shaping up as a grudge match as cross-country rival Heppner will travel to Boardman. Last year the Pirates dropped a tough 36-20 double overtime decision to the Mustangs.

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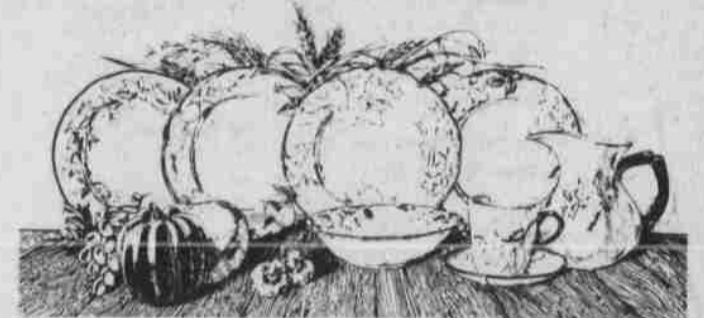
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